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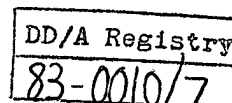
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

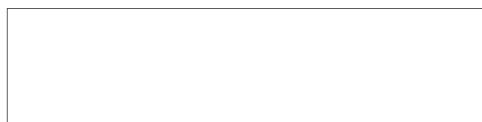
FROM: Edward L. Sherman
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SUBJECT: Economic Intelligence for U.S. Businesses

REFERENCE: Memo to Multiple Addressees, dtd. 7 Jan 83,
Same Subject (DDA 83-0010/3)

1. Assuming that the issue is what role the CIA should play in economic intelligence for U.S. Business purposes, I am strongly disposed toward the view that CIA should neither take requirements directly from the U.S. business community or any particular business nor should it make intelligence directly available to U.S. businesses. The Federal Government already has enacted certain authorities which service U.S. businesses. These are primarily vested in the Departments of Commerce, Agriculture, Treasury, and State. CIA already draws requirements for intelligence from these policy-making Agencies and responds to these requirements. By going through these Agencies, CIA is assured that Executive Branch policy determinations have already been applied to both intelligence requirements and to dissemination of intelligence. This process is a rational one and provides that degree of protection which I believe is absolutely necessary to keep CIA from being "politicized".

2. In other words, I think we ought to leave things alone.



Edward L. Sherman

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